

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

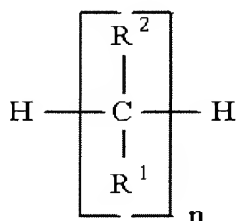
This listing replaces all versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

1 - 63. (Cancelled).

64. (Currently Amended) A composition comprising a combination of

i) ~~glyceryl monocaprylate or an alkali metal salt thereof a fatty acid mono-ester or di-ester of~~
formula I or an isomer thereof,



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wherein:

n is 3;

each of R^1 and R^2 is independently selected from the group consisting of H, OH, OM, OR', O-CO-R', straight chain or branched C_4 - C_6 -alkyl and straight chain or branched C_2 - C_6 alkenyl, provided that one or two of R^1 and R^2 is O-CO-R' and at least one of R^1 and R^2 is OH; and

R' is C_6 - C_{10} -alkyl and M is an alkali metal,

and

ii) niacinamide[$[,]$] or a salt or a derivative thereof, wherein the derivative is selected from the group consisting of (a) niacinamide derivatives with one substitution of the ring, with substituents selected from halogen, NH_2 , methyl, OR and SH and (b) niacinamide derivatives wherein the amide group is in the form of its secondary amide or its tertiary amide.

65-71. (Cancelled).

72. (Currently Amended) The composition according to claim 64, wherein the ~~fatty acid ester~~ component (i) is racemic, enantiomerically enriched or enantiomerically pure 1-glyceryl-monocaprylate and wherein ~~the niacinamide salt or a derivative thereof~~ component (ii) is niacinamide.

73. (Previously Presented) The composition according to claim 64, further comprising one or more excipient(s) or carrier(s) for the formulation of a pharmaceutical, a dietary supplement or a cosmetic.

74. (Previously Presented) The composition according to claim 73, further comprising one or more therapeutically active agents.

75. (Previously Presented) The composition according to claim 73, formulated for oral, topical, transdermal, or parenteral administration.

76. (Previously Presented) The composition according to claim 75, formulated for topical administration.

77-93. (Cancelled)

94. (Currently Amended) The composition according to claim ~~72~~ 93, wherein the ~~fatty acid ester~~ and the niacinamide, a salt ~~or a derivative~~ thereof are present in a molar ratio of between about 1:14 to 14:1 ~~1:100 to 100:1~~.

95-96. (Cancelled)